

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 616

By Reedy

A RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate Ward Phillips on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Ward Phillips, publisher and general manager of Magic Valley Publishing Company's *The News-Democrat* and *The Shopper's Guide*, news and information staples for the people of Humphreys County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Phillips has announced that he will soon take his much-deserved retirement, bringing to a close an impressive forty-four year tenure of leadership and service to friends and neighbors through the printed word; and

WHEREAS, Ward Phillips has been associated with *The News-Democrat* and *The Shopper's Guide* since 1980, when he returned to his hometown of Waverly following three years of employment with Newspaper Printing Corporation (NPC) of Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Phillips holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mass Communications from Middle Tennessee State University; he began his professional newspaper career in 1976 at NPC, which at that time served as the business agent for *The Tennessean* and *The Nashville Banner* daily newspapers; and

WHEREAS, following an extensive hands-on training program, he was added to the display advertising sales staff and ultimately promoted to Sales Supervisor over the automotive advertising group, the position he held until deciding to return to Humphreys County for a slower pace and to be closer to his family; and

WHEREAS, Ward Phillips dedicated most of his life to the success of *The News-Democrat*, helping it grow into a thriving hometown paper; he will be sorely missed by all those who had the good fortune of knowing and working with him; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mr. Phillips is grateful for the love of his family, especially his wife, Marilyn; and

WHEREAS, Ward Phillips exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Phillips has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the respect and admiration of his colleagues and a grateful public; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Ward Phillips our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.